

## RITUAL FOR INDUCTION

President: Though each of us has been born with different abilities, and as unique as we are, we all have been called to go outside of ourselves and use those talents given us. Our responses to the call will be different - we must give according to what we have been given.

Today we have come together to recognize certain individuals with greater commitments. The members whom we honor tonight have demonstrated that they are capable of great academic accomplishment and thus also of hard work. To them more has been given; of them, much more is expected. The excellent person is distinguished by the acceptance of greater personal demands. These individuals recognize the great challenge which is theirs: the world of service to others is now in their hands.

Secretary: I present to you the candidates seeking admission to Delta Epsilon Sigma.

President: Have they fulfilled the requirements for membership?

Secretary: They have. Our choice has been guided by the purposes of the Society and a sincere desire to obtain the best possible membership of persons devoted to scholastic achievement and to the corresponding responsibility of service to others.

President: In a democratic society wherein persons of like pursuits, abilities, interests, or convictions freely band themselves together for mutual support and encouragement, it is fitting that there be a national association constituted of selected individuals who have a record of outstanding scholastic accomplishment and who have promoted intellectual life. Membership in Delta Epsilon Sigma will be at once a distinction earned by past achievements and a stimulus to future intellectual work. The officers and members of this chapter of Delta Epsilon Sigma, after due consideration and deliberation, are convinced that you fulfill the requirements for membership in this national group of men and women whose motto, signified by the letters of Delta Epsilon Sigma, may be taken to mean: "It is the mission of a wise person to put things in order".

Wisdom is the perfection of knowledge. A wise person is one who has put order into knowledge, who discriminates between the true and the false, who appraises things at their proper worth, and who then can use this knowledge, along with the humility born of it, to go forward to accept the responsibilities and obligations which this ability imposes.

We now ask you to affirm the principles for which Delta Epsilon Sigma stands.

Secretary: One who loves wisdom knows that it can be gained only through long and persevering labor. Do you seek wisdom through such labor?

Candidates: We do.

President: We now welcome you into this Society of distinguished students, graduates, and faculty who have enjoyed the privileges and accepted the challenges offered to them. We feel confident that you, too, by your influence, service, and example will help to effect a synthesis of religion, morality, and knowledge. With these certificates we signify that you are duly enrolled as members of Delta Epsilon Sigma.

The seal of this Society bears the Greek Letters, Chi Rho, the first two letters of the word Christ, and a lamp which reminds us of the light which shines in the darkness of an unbelieving world.

The candidates will now come forward as their names are called to receive their certificates of membership.